

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

HUIFANG ZHANG et al.,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:19-cv-01211-TL

ORDER OF REFERENCE

This action is assigned to the Honorable Tana Lin, United States District Judge. All future documents filed in this case must bear the cause number 2:19-cv-01211-TL-SKV. The Court has reviewed the files and records herein and determined that certain pretrial matters are appropriate to refer to a Magistrate Judge as described below.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and Local Magistrate Judge Rule (“Local MJR”) 3, the Court hereby refers to Magistrate Judge S. Kate Vaughan all non-dispositive pretrial matters, other than those matters excluded by 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); Local Rules W.D. Wash. MJR 3(a). This referral includes the pending United States’ Motion to

1 Compel Discovery and Virtual Depositions from Plaintiffs (Dkt. No. 37). Federal Rule of Civil
2 Procedure 72(a) governs any objections to Magistrate Judge S. Kate Vaughan's rulings
3 concerning any non-dispositive motions. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a); Local MJR 3(b).

4 Accordingly, the Court Orders that the above-entitled action is referred to Magistrate
5 Judge S. Kate Vaughan for the specific purposes and types of motions described herein. The
6 Court further Directs and Empowers Magistrate Judge S. Kate Vaughan to conduct hearings and
7 make further necessary orders consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 636, the local rules, and this Order.

8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Dated this 3rd day of February, 2022.

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12 Tana Lin
13 United States District Judge
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